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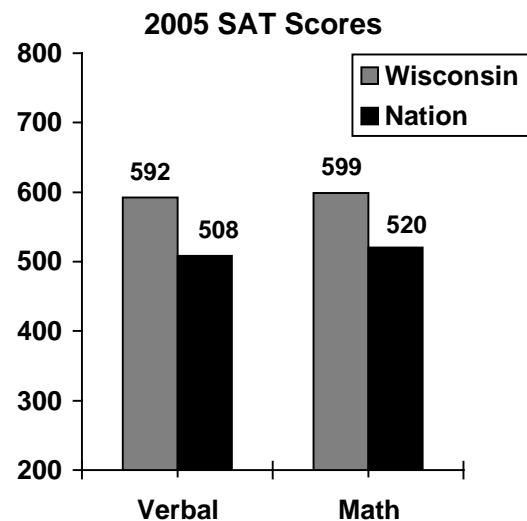
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**SAT scores up, state's graduates among tops in the nation**

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced that Wisconsin's SAT scores for 2005 graduates were up from the previous year. The statewide verbal score on the college admissions test was 592, up five points from 2004. The math score was 599, up three points. Nationally the verbal score was 508, the same from the previous year, and the math score was 520, up two points.

"Our students, overall, scored among the very best in the nation on the SAT," Burmaster noted, "an achievement that is a repeat from the ACT scores reported earlier this month." Wisconsin was among top scoring states in the nation on the ACT for states in which 50 percent or more students took the test. "These results serve as another example of our students' dedication to learning and academic achievement and the support they receive from their teachers, families, and communities," Burmaster said.

Wisconsin's 2005 graduates who took the SAT at some point in their high school career had higher grade-point averages, class rank, and family income than the 1.5 million who took the SAT nationally. Wisconsin's 4,230 SAT-takers reported a mean grade-point average of 3.66 compared to a national GPA of 3.30. Thirty-five percent said they were in the top 10 percent of their class compared to 15 percent nationally.



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In Wisconsin, 57 percent of students came from families with incomes of \$50,000 or more compared to 26 percent nationally. The gap in scores averaged more than 100 points both in Wisconsin and nationally for students reporting family income of \$10,000 or less compared to those whose families earned \$100,000 or more. Students of color made up 13.29 percent of Wisconsin SAT-takers compared to 12.50 percent in 2004. Their scores, while lower than that of white students, averaged 74 points higher than their national peers.

“I am pleased that higher percentages of state SAT-takers are students of color and that their scores far exceed their national peers,” Burmaster said. “We must continue our efforts to close the achievement gap and ensure that all students are prepared for the world beyond high school, which includes postsecondary studies.”

The SAT is scored on a scale of 200 to 800 and administered by The College Board. New tests were administered in March, which included a writing test as part of the exam. The 2006 national SAT report will include results from the expanded tests.

**2005 SAT Scores by Ethnic Group**

<b>Wisconsin</b>	<b>Takers</b>	<b>Verbal</b>	<b>Math</b>
African American	177	475	468
American Indian	28	584	567
Asian	263	563	639
Hispanic/Latino:			
Mexican American	37	545	555
Puerto Rican	15	536	544
Other Hispanic	42	555	563
White	3,184	600	605
Other	131	579	588
No Response	353	611	598
<b>Nation</b>	<b>Takers</b>	<b>Verbal</b>	<b>Math</b>
African American	153,132	433	431
American Indian	8,916	489	493
Asian	134,996	511	580
Hispanic/Latino:			
Mexican American	66,968	453	463
Puerto Rican	19,402	460	457
Other Hispanic	57,826	463	469
White	824,776	532	536
Other	58,167	495	513
No Response	151,440	511	525

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**NOTE:** The Department of Public Instruction does not receive reports of SAT scores for schools or school districts. Please contact local school officials for score information. Tables that provide additional information about SAT scores follow.

# 2005 SAT Profile

**SAT Scores Over 10 Years**

Wisconsin			
Year	Takers	Verbal	Math
2004-05	4,230	592	599
2003-04	4,472	587	596
2002-03	4,487	585	594
2001-02	4,186	583	599
2000-01	4,173	584	596
1999-00	4,188	584	597
1998-99	4,295	584	595
1997-98	4,362	581	594
1996-97	4,485	579	590
1995-96	4,647	577	586
Nation			
Year	Takers	Verbal	Math
2004-05	1,475,623	508	520
2003-04	1,419,007	508	518
2002-03	1,406,324	507	519
2001-02	1,327,831	504	516
2000-01	1,276,320	506	514
1999-00	1,260,278	505	514
1998-99	1,220,130	505	511
1997-98	1,172,779	505	512
1996-97	1,127,021	505	511
1995-96	1,084,725	505	508

**2005 SAT Scores by Family Income**

Wisconsin	Takers	Verbal	Math
Less than \$10,000	43	472	502
\$10,000 to \$20,000	96	504	529
\$20,000 to \$30,000	122	549	553
\$30,000 to \$40,000	217	570	565
\$40,000 to \$50,000	204	575	586
\$50,000 to \$60,000	246	585	596
\$60,000 to \$70,000	282	583	584
\$70,000 to \$80,000	309	600	607
\$80,000 to \$100,000	491	602	608
\$100,000 or more	1,071	609	618
No response	1,149	--	--
Nation	Takers	Verbal	Math
Less than \$10,000	47,170	426	458
\$10,000 to \$20,000	76,433	443	463
\$20,000 to \$30,000	88,741	463	474
\$30,000 to \$40,000	101,509	480	487
\$40,000 to \$50,000	84,485	496	500
\$50,000 to \$60,000	89,511	505	509
\$60,000 to \$70,000	83,942	511	515
\$70,000 to \$80,000	83,918	517	522
\$80,000 to \$100,000	124,676	529	534
\$100,000 or more	207,199	554	565
No response	488,039	--	--

**2005 SAT Scores by Gender**

Wisconsin	Takers	Verbal	Math
All Students	4,230	592	599
Males	2,007	594	615
Females	2,223	589	585
Nation	Takers	Verbal	Math
All Students	1,475,623	508	520
Males	686,298	513	538
Females	789,325	505	504

**2005 SAT Scores by Type of School**

Wisconsin	Takers	Verbal	Math
Public	2,998	597	607
Religiously Affiliated	608	592	595
Independent	343	574	581
Other or Unknown	281	--	--
Nation	Takers	Verbal	Math
Public	1,094,545	505	515
Religiously Affiliated	154,848	539	534
Independent	72,061	553	577
Other or Unknown	154,169	--	--

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